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3. Definitions and numerical representation

3.1 Definitions

Insert the following new definitions in 3.1 in alphanumerical order:

Extended Link Layer Discovery Protocol (XLLDP): An LLDP extension used to retrieve the frames beyond the Normal LLDPDU of a multi-frame LLDP database.

Extension LLDPDU (XPDU): An LLDPDU containing an Extension Identifier TLV and not containing a Time to Live TLV or Extension Request TLV.

Extension Request LLDPDU (XREQ): An LLDPDU containing an Extension Request TLV and not containing a Time to Live TLV or Extension Identifier TLV.

Manifest LLDPDU: A Normal LLDPDU containing a Manifest TLV.

Normal LLDPDU: An LLDPDU containing a Time To Live TLV and not containing an Extension Request TLV or an Extension Identifier TLV.

Scope MAC Address: The MAC address used as the destination address in Normal LLDPDUs, which determines the limits of propagation in the network.

shutdown LLDPDU: A Normal LLDPDU with a TTL value of zero.

4. Acronyms and abbreviations

Insert the following new abbreviations in Clause 4 in alphabetical order:

XLLDP	Extended Link Layer Discovery Protocol
XPDU	Extension LLDPDU
XREQ	Extension Request LLDPDU

5. Conformance

5.3 Required capabilities

Change list items j), k), and l) in the lettered list in 5.3 as follows:

- j) If receipt of LLDPDUs is supported, for every set of TLVs (the basic management set, [extended LLDP set](#), and any organizationally specific sets) supported, support shall be implemented for receipt of every TLV defined in the set.
- k) If transmission of LLDPDUs is supported, for every set of TLVs (the basic management set, [extended LLDP set](#), and any organizationally specific sets) supported, support shall be implemented for transmission of every TLV defined in the set.
- l) If transmission of LLDPDUs is supported, for every set of TLVs (the basic management set, [extended LLDP set](#), and any organizationally specific sets) supported, a capability shall be implemented for users to determine which optional TLVs are transmitted in any particular LLDPDU.

Insert new item p) at the end of the lettered list in 5.3 (as modified by IEEE Std 802.1ABcu-2021) as follows:

- p) If the Extended Link Layer Discovery Protocol is supported, then
 - 1) The extended LLDP set of TLVs shall be implemented as defined in 8.5a.
 - 2) The Extension Request and Extension LLDPDU formats (8.2) and addressing (7.1.2) shall be implemented.
 - 3) The extended receive state machine (Figure 9-2a) shall be implemented.